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# Letter from Anne Whitney, to Adeline Manning, 1866 May 6

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London, Eng. May 6 - 64

6 years ago this Spring - in March -  
1860 - you wrote it - the letter I  
read this morning when I was putting  
away other later letters along with  
them - The first one I think  
you wrote me.

Monday 6 1/2 P.M. Well indeed & what  
about that letter? - Why - I thought - How  
much like you it is - the you of 66 - &  
I wonder if the desire to meet this Spring  
is just the same desire we had that  
Spring. Is there a diff<sup>er</sup> or a what? - Does  
affection change necessarily with the  
act of the return - mental moral  
physical - I do not mean - is it more  
or less but - ~~the same~~ in character.  
There is a friendship wh. is an ever-  
present joy. There is one to wh.  
we can turn at any moment feeling  
sure of sympathy & instant  
help. The former includes the  
latter. The latter may exist with  
a large part of life independent  
of the former in its pleasure  
& its power. But independent in  
the sense of & sharing the other -  
or the contrary it makes the other  
participate in what it has -  
but in the sense that all the  
good & ill that come have not  
their source in that friend.  
The first friendship is a

in the presence of friends - in the presence of friends - in the presence of friends



telegraphic Centre - All our world  
reports from & to it. There is  
no world beyond its lines. You  
will say the better name for this  
is soul or conception, of being.  
survivor of the material.

Wed. Evng. I write in snatches, & so  
frequently that it can not  
be very interesting. The letter  
came only - Dear Grandmother  
& Howard!! Where is she? I too  
shd. have liked to look & I shall  
upon the kind old face that wd.  
never be moved again by earthly  
excitation, from its fixed serenity.  
I met Mr. Manning on the st.  
yesterday & was glad to hear that  
she did with only 2 days sickness.  
It is strange I did not see the  
death in the paper.

My sweet thinks that by  
not making decision with respect  
to going to N. Y. I prevent yr  
consequence as soon as yr  
night, & I think so too. If you  
do come next week - conclude  
that I shall not go - I defend  
the truth I can tell you more by  
a bye. When each year's life  
an ordinary night - rounded in finished

complete for this mass of common.